

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Clarksville High School girls' soccer team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville High School girls' soccer team, the Lady Wildcats, achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016 season, by winning their second Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, such success in a team sport is achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together and excel as a team; the Lady Wildcats consistently exhibited these qualities throughout their championship season, allowing not a single goal during all of their postseason matchups; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2016, at Richard Siegal Soccer Complex in Murfreesboro, the Lady Wildcats captured their victory with a hard-earned goal from freshman Destiny Hill and an impenetrable defense, defeating the Franklin High School Rebels with a final score of 1-0; and

WHEREAS, to achieve their ultimate victory, the Lady Wildcats defeated a series of formidable opponents in the State Championship Tournament, including a 1-0 win against the Maryville High School Rebels and a 2-0 win against the Collierville High School Dragons; and

WHEREAS, this is the third straight state championship appearance made by the Lady Wildcats, having won the championship against the Lady Mustangs of Houston High School on November 1, 2014, at the Richard Siegal Soccer Complex in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion Clarksville High School Lady Wildcats are Ann Utsi, Gybson Roth, Madison Pickett, Aubrey Higdon, Jensen Drake, Haley Welker, Alison Crawford, Tennessee Barkalow, Sadie Sims, Madison Allen, Kristen Gasaway, Destiny Hill, Jalyn Love, Kellyne Skillin, Lexie Hayes, Kaci Helmick, Ariana Easterling, Lucy Bond, Gracie Liverett, India Gaiten, Camryn Bain, and Sunny Stephenson, and team manager Belle Tackett; and

WHEREAS, this stellar state championship season would not have been possible if not for the exemplary efforts and leadership of coaches Jeff Jordan and Sara Kluttz; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville High School girls' soccer team epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as its members have achieved the highest level of success in their sport while demonstrating impeccable character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship soccer season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student-athletes who have excelled in their sport and in the classroom as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Clarksville High School girls' soccer team upon winning the TSSAA Division I Class AAA State Championship and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.